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## V.—Two new Australian Mammals. By Oldfield Thomas.

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Nyctophilus geoffroyi pallescens, subsp. n.

A pale desert race of N. geoffroyi.

Size and other characters as in geoffroyi, but colour much paler, that of the upper surface closely agreeing with Ridgway's "drab-grey," and that of the under surface white, though the hairs are slaty at their bases. Ordinary specimens of N. geoffroyi are dark brown above and paler brown below.

Dimensions of the type :-

Forearm 34 mm.

Head and body (measured by collector) 49; tail 36; ear 22.

Skull: greatest length 15.3; basi-sinual length 11.2; front of canine to back of  $m^3$  5.7.

Hab. Alexandria, Northern Territory of S. Australia. Alt. 800'.

Type. Adult male. B.M. no. 7.1. 4.1. Original number 240. Collected 25th May, 1906, by W. Stalker. Presented by Sir W. Ingram and the Hon. John Forrest.

A Kalgurli specimen obtained by Mr. Shortridge is intermediate as regards the upper colour, but its lower surface is brown as usual.

## Phascogale murex, sp. n.

Allied to Ph. longicaudata, but much larger.

Size approaching that of the larger species of the genus. Fur short, close and crisp; hairs of back about 5-5.5 mm. in length. General colour above near "Prout's brown," becoming warmer posteriorly nearly to "burnt umber." Head and sides dark mouse-grey. Under surface whitish, the bases of the hairs brown. Limbs dark mouse-colour externally, dull whitish on their inner surfaces; hands and feet pale brown. Tail with its basal inch clothed with fur like the back, the remainder short-haired, brown above and below.

Skull as in *Ph. longicaudata*, but larger throughout. Dimensions of the type (measured on the skin):—Head and body 197 mm.; tail 167; hind foot 35.

Skull: greatest breadth 24; nasals  $16.5 \times 4.6$ ; intertemporal breadth 7.5; palatal length 26; breadth between outer corners of  $m^3$  14.6; combined length of three anterior molariform teeth 7.9.

Hab. Sattelberg, German New Guinea.

Type. Adult male. B.M. no. 12. 2. 4. 1. Collected by Herr O. Fritsche. Presented by the Hon. N. Charles Rothschild.

This fine *Phascogale* is readily distinguishable by its greater size from its only near ally *Ph. longicaudata*, Schleg., a native of the Aru Islands.

VI.—Raia undulata, Lacep., and its Distribution on the British Coasts. By C. Tate Regan, M.A.

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[Plate I.]

In 1907 (Annals, (7) xx. p. 403) I placed on record the occurrence on the Cornish coast of Raia undulata, Lacep., a species not generally regarded as belonging to the British fauna, although it was known to Couch, who described it as a variety of R. microcellata. The Cornish specimen, presented by the late Mr. Harcourt Powell in 1880, was the